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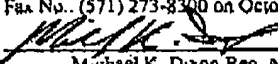
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.